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CD-ROM Version 2.0

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Be the first to save the Pollutonians from the ravages of air pollution!

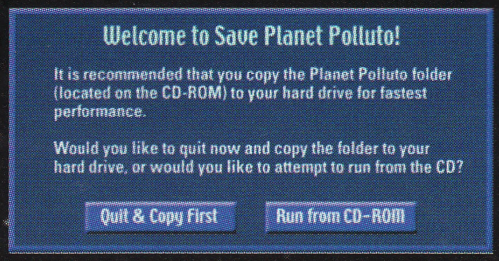
An interactive edutainment experience from
the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
under a grant from the U.S. EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

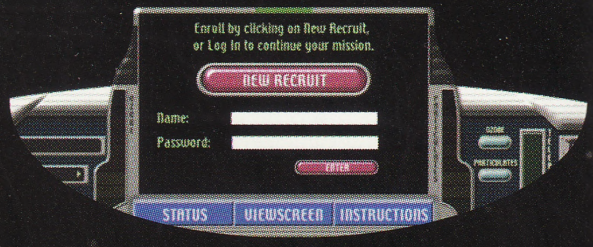
GETTING STARTED

This CD-ROM will work on PC or Macintosh computers.

When you insert the Save Planet Polluto CD-ROM into your hard drive a setup program will automatically run. The program will detect whether you have QuickTime installed, and give you the option to install it if needed. The setup program will also recommend that you copy the Planet Polluto folder from the CD to your hard drive. You can choose to run the program from the CD, but you may experience slower performance.

After copying the Planet Polluto folder to your hard drive, you can run the game by double-clicking on the application “Polluto.exe” (PC) or “Planet Polluto” (MAC).





Minimum hardware requirements:

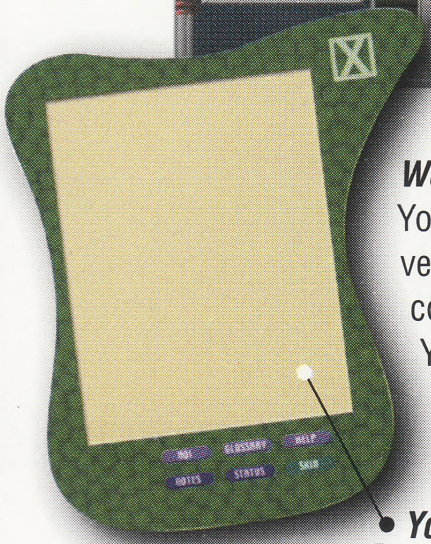
Windows® 95/98/2000/ME/NT/XP
32 MB free RAM
125 MB free hard drive space
(copying game to hard drive recommended)

Macintosh® Power PC
System 7.5 or later

YOUR MISSION

The Pollutonians need your help to clean up their planet. You will receive a secret message from Airius, the leader of the Clean Air Underground - the Airidians. The Airidians have vowed to "rid the planet of bad air" before it's too late. Your mission will be to unravel the mystery of Planet Polluto's unhealthy air quality, learn as much as you can to teach the Pollutonians how to abandon their polluting ways and clean up their air.

So far, Airius and his fellow Airidians have been unsuccessful in convincing the Pollutonians to plan better communities, use low-emission transportation, make smart consumer choices, keep their cars in good repair and to rely on the Air Quality Index (AQI) to see how healthy or unhealthy the air is — especially during a hot, Planet Polluto summer! And, with three suns — Emmisio, Ozoneus and Phleghmus — temperatures and ozone levels on Planet Polluto soar every season.



INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome

You are now in command of the rapid response vessel Intelligius. The Command Deck contains the controls and tools you need to Save Planet Polluto. You can customize the Command Deck by clicking on (SKIN) to change the look of the Console. The Console contains the following:

Your Personal Data Pad

Click on (ICON) and your Data Pad appears. Click on the (SKIN) button on the lower right to customize the look of the Data Pad. Click on the (GLOSSARY) to learn the words you'll need to teach the Pollutonians. Click on the (AQI) to reference the Air Quality Index colors, numbers and health effects. Click on (NOTES) and type in any clues, names or tips you want to remember during your journey. Click on (HELP) for useful information. (Click on the "X" button in the upper right of the Data Pad to return to the Intelligius Console.)

Your Data Pad is always there to arm you with the knowledge you need to Save Planet Polluto. You can access your Data Pad on the Command Deck or while you visit the planet.

Your Space Pack

Click on (ICON) to review the contents of your Space Pack. As you gather Yazblats and other rewards during your journey, they will automatically be stowed in your Space Pack. You can access the contents of your Space Pack on the Command Deck and by clicking on (ICON).

Yazblats

Yazblats are the official currency of Planet Polluto. You use them to gain access to the different places you visit during your mission. You will receive a Yazblat when you pass a class at the Air Academy.

Viewscreen and Navigation Lever

The Viewscreen is located in the center of the Command Deck. Slide the Navigation Lever left and right to see the places you **must** visit.

Ozone and Particulates Sensors

Before you can Teleport down to the planet, you must check the ozone and particulate levels of each place you visit. Click on the Ozone and Particulates buttons to discover how healthy or unhealthy the air is at each of the six locations you must visit on Planet Polluto. These levels are displayed to the right and left of the Viewscreen. The colors you see represent the Air Quality Index (AQI) used on Earth. To learn more about the AQI, check your Data Pad.

Travel to and from Planet Polluto

Click on (TELEPORT) to travel to the surface of the planet. Click (ICON) to return to the Command Deck on Intelligius.

Levels of Play

There are various skill levels of play and learning at the Air Academy, the PollutoPlex and the AQI Satellite. Play all levels or keep practicing as you improve your knowledge and skills during your visit to Planet Polluto.

Solving the Game

Your mission is to teach the people of Planet Polluto how to save their planet from the ravages of air pollution. As on Earth, they must learn to make daily decisions and long-term choices that help keep their air fit to breathe. In order to do this, you must earn the Orb of Knowledge and present it to Airius, the leader of the Airidians.

Quitting the Game

At any time during the game you can exit by hitting the escape button on your computer keyboard. When you do, you will have three choices to make before returning to your world.

- Return to the Game
- Quit and Save
- Quit Without Saving

Scroll over and click on your choice, then click the quit button in the lower right of your screen.

Status

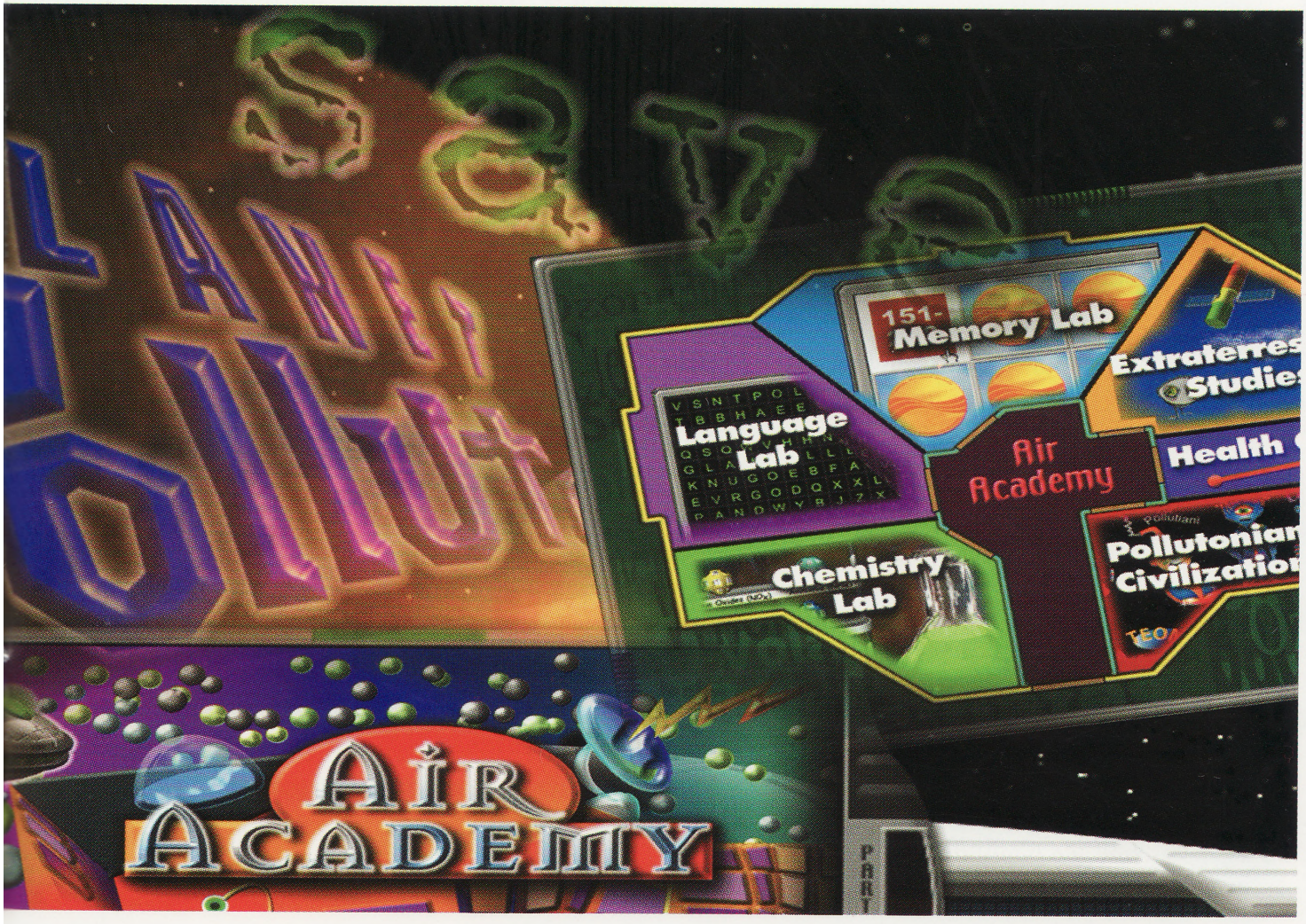
Click on (STATUS) to see where you have visited and where you still have to go. The Status Report is automatically updated as you play the game.

Visit the Planet

You must visit six locations on Planet Polluto by sliding the Navigation Lever on the Command Deck's Console.

The Air Academy

Learn how to improve air quality by attending six classes at the Air Academy. After completing each class, you will receive a Yazblat, the official currency of Planet Polluto. Yazblats are needed to gain access to other places on the planet.



Academy Classes You Need to Take

1. Pollutonian Civilization

You'll meet the Pollutonians and see who cares about the environment and who doesn't. Listen to what they have to say and you be the judge of who's a friend of the planet and who's not.

* *Airius*

The underground leader of the Airidians, Airius, is a meteorologist. Airius saw early on that Planet Polluto was going to face big air pollution problems unless something was done — and soon! So, he banded together a group of Pollutonians who shared his beliefs and sent a message to planet Earth begging for help in saving his planet from certain doom.

* *Teom*

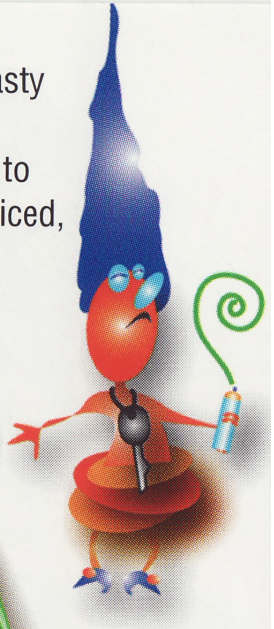
Teom is the canine member of the Airidians. He knows every breathing being on the planet suffers when air pollution levels are high — even animals! His wireless collar is actually a secret translator, which lets Teom carry messages to Airius from other Airidians around the planet. His back mounted propellor allows him to quickly travel around the planet delivering his messages.

* *Air Dude*

Air Dude represents the kids of Planet Polluto. He knows the future is in their hands. The adults won't listen, but Air Dude carries a clean air message every day to his friends, teachers and parents to try and convince them to save the planet. His environmentally-friendly scooter operates on Pollutonian Power — his feet and legs — and lets him scoot from school, to the movies, the mall, home and back. His after school job is at the PollutoPlex, so he knows how ozone air pollution is hurting his people and the planet.

**** Khack***

Khack only cares about one thing — her looks! Her spikey hairdo is proof of her nasty aerosol habit. Since she doesn't know the personal choices she makes every day — even in small doses — affect the health of everyone on the planet, Khack needs to be recruited into the Airidian movement ASAP!!! The last time she had her car serviced, President P.U. Fumebreath was in office (a long time ago). Khack drives a car that spews so much pollution it's called a "gross polluter." She needs to get her car repaired at Wheezel's Garage so it will pass its Smog Check.

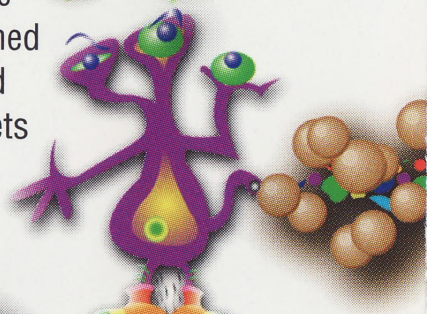


**** Wheezel***

Wheezel suffers from asthma and although no one really knows what causes it, on days when air pollution levels are high, creatures like Wheezel have trouble breathing. Poor Wheezel gets so sick sometimes he has to go to the Emergency Room at Polluto General Hospital.

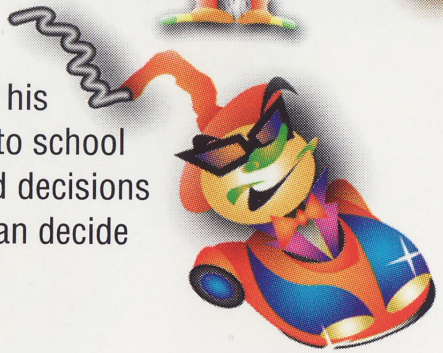
**** Tri-Eye***

Tri-Eye TRIES to do the right thing but he just doesn't understand how unhealthy ozone is formed. His personal tailpipe emissions help form the unhealthy ozone cloud that hovers around his head. Maybe if he consumed less junk food — like Schnorble, which is made from fossil fuels — he'd feel better and be less apt to have those little "emission accidents" he gets so embarrassed about — and we all know how that can be!



**** Mayor Pollutiani***

Mayor Pollutiani is very shortsighted and only cares about the next election. He tells the voters that Planet Polluto doesn't have an air quality problem and most Pollutonians believe him!!! As Mayor, it's his civic duty to protect the health of the people who live, work and go to school in the town of NOxVille. Instead, Mayor Pollutiani makes a lot of bad decisions that will affect air quality in NOxVille for years to come. See if you can decide what the right and wrong moves are when planning a community.



**** Lorac***

Lorac is Airius' faithful feline seer — or is she? She alone holds the key to finding the Orb of Knowledge. If you solve the mysteries of Planet Polluto, you'll be able to seize the Orb and save the planet with or without Lorac's help.

**** Enozo***

Enozo is a dedicated soldier fighting to clean-up the air. He travels throughout Hackton trying to find the residents whose bad behavior causes air pollution. He then reunites them with their environmentally-friendly twin and helps them abandon their polluting ways.

The Micron Monsters

**** Azbok***

Azbok is an outrageous flirt. But don't let her wiles fool you! She's a Micron Monster who's ready to aggravate the lungs of even healthy Pollutonians.

**** Yrrek***

Yrrek is in a frenzy to attack every Pollutonian lung he can. If he gets in, they'll have to cough him up — or else!

**** Eimaj***

Eimaj speaks with a French accent but no one knows why. You never know when he'll pop up and try to enter the lungs of unsuspecting Pollutonians whenever they take a breath.

2. Extraterrestrial Studies

You control the blasters on the AQI Satellite. You must keep the Ozone Aliens from forming unhealthy ground-level ozone or eating the stratospheric ozone, which protects Planet Polluto from the harmful ultraviolet rays of Polluto's three suns: Emmisio, Ozoneus and Phleghmus. If you don't zap them in time, they'll leave a "splat" of ozone at ground level. If they rise even higher, they'll eat the upper layer of ozone, which could mean disaster for Planet Polluto and its people.

3. Chemistry Lab

Cook up a batch of pollution in the beaker to learn how Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM) are formed. Since Ozone and PM are two of the main pollution problems on Earth and Planet Polluto, it's important you know their chemical makeup. Choose from your ingredients carefully or the results could be disastrous!

4. Language Lab

Learn the language you need to communicate your clean air message to the Pollutonians. It's the only way they'll understand how the choices they make affect the air they breathe. Spot the words you need to know by referring to your study list at the bottom of the screen. Once you pass this test, you'll be prepared to spread the word about preventing air pollution on Planet Polluto and on Earth.

5. Memory Lab

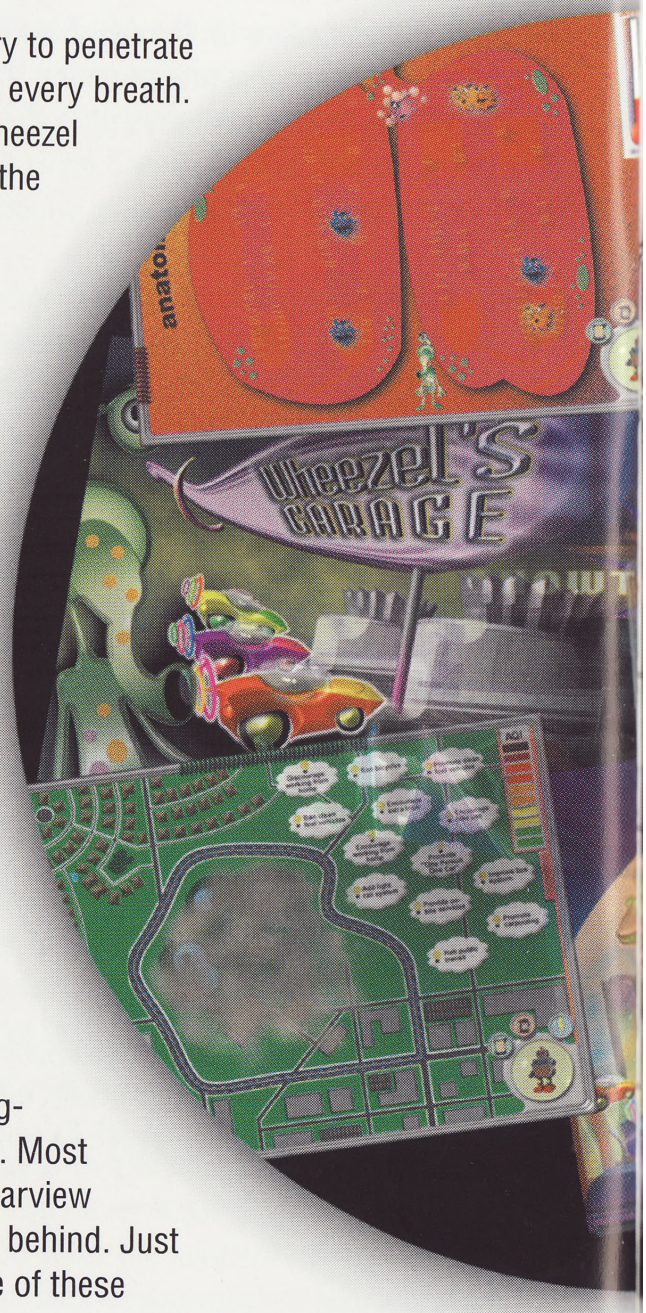
Test your memory skills with three exciting levels of play. Can you match the AQI colors with their health effects? Are you quick enough to remember what numbers match what ozone level? As you flip the Yazblats on the abacus, remember what you see and make a match.

6. The Health Center

Wheezel's health is at stake and only you can save him! Meet Micron Monsters Azbok, Eimaj and Yrrek. As they try to penetrate Wheezel's lungs, he hacks with asthma and wheezes with every breath. See if you can conquer the Micron Monsters and keep Wheezel healthy. But, you'll have to be quick — the longer you let the Micron Monsters sit in the passageways of his lungs, the worse he feels and the sicker he gets.

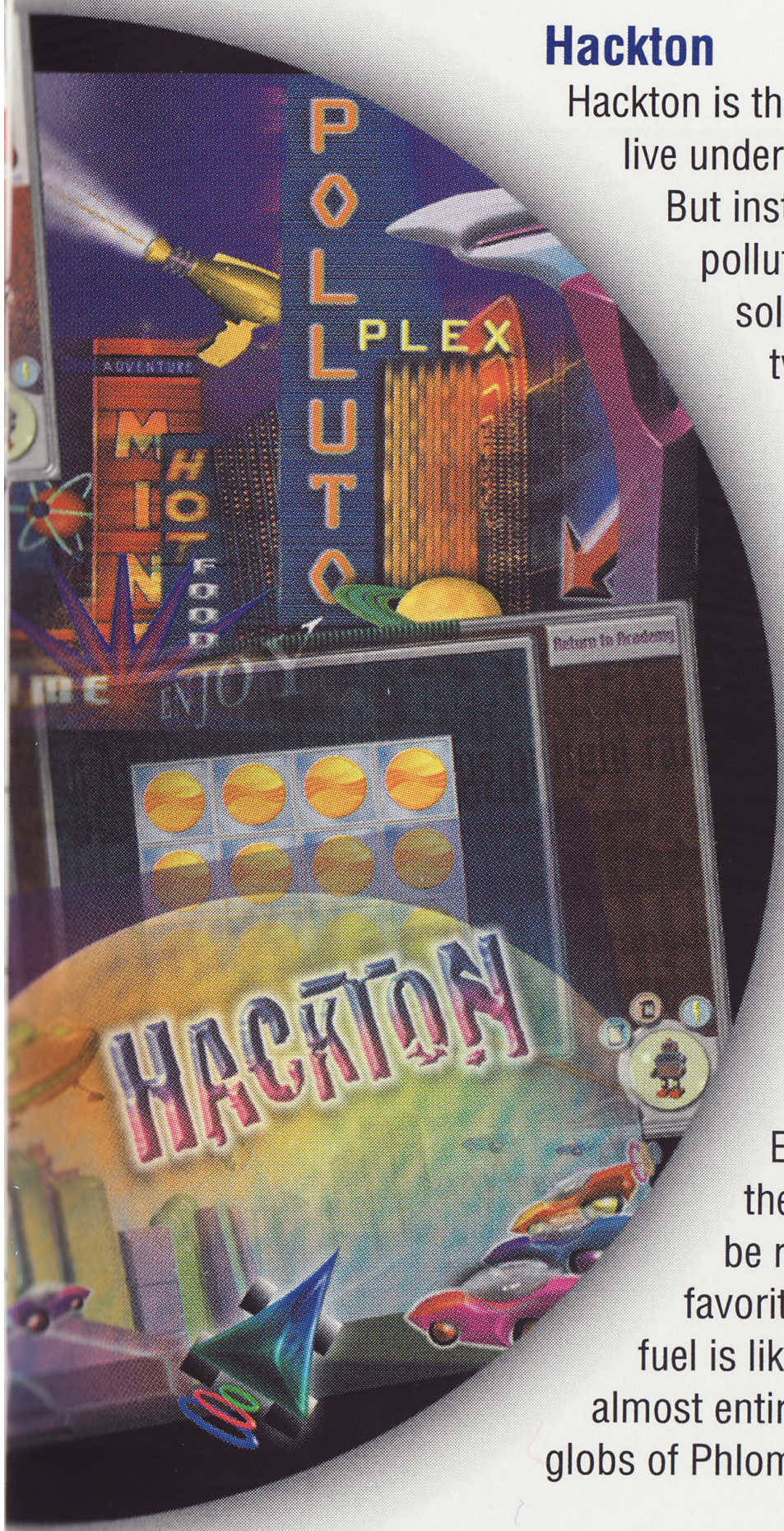
The AQI Satellite

Climb on board the AQI Satellite and learn about the Air Quality Index (AQI). The AQI is the scale used to measure ozone and particulate levels on Earth and on Planet Polluto. Launched from Earth in 1999, it orbits Planet Polluto, monitoring air pollution readings from sensors on the planet's surface. You'll have to concentrate to remember the AQI colors, numbers and health effects. The higher the number, the worse the air pollution. High air pollution can affect the health of Pollutonians as well as humans. Hint: Refer to your Data Pad and take notes. You'll need them to pass the tests on your visit to the AQI Satellite.



Wheezel's Garage

Conduct a Smog Check as you repair a smog-belching Pollutonian vehicle — a Supernova Gasoholic. Once it's repaired, you'll see how your hard work has reduced smog-forming tailpipe emissions so it will pass the Smog Check. Most Pollutonians are gross polluters who never look in their rearview mirrors to see what foul-smelling pollution they're leaving behind. Just ask any Airidian and they'll tell you that driving behind one of these vehicles can really waggle your wozzle.



Hackton

Hackton is the most polluted city on the planet. The people of Hackton live under a huge dome, which was supposed to keep pollution out. But instead, it traps the air pollution inside. Save the city from air pollution with the help of Enozo—a dedicated air pollution soldier. Click on various parts of the city and find pairs of twins. When you find them, you need to decide which one is helping clean the air and which one pollutes.

NOxVille

Mayor Pollutiani rules NOxVille without a care in the world — because he doesn't know the first thing about air pollution and thinks it's just a big city problem, which doesn't affect his community. You'll see how wrong he is when you make decisions about transportation, land use, commuting and work habits that all affect air quality in NOxVille. But, choose wisely to make the cloud of smog over the town go away!

PollutoPlex

Enjoy an afternoon watching the latest ozone movies at the PollutoPlex. Once you've watched all three, you will be rewarded with a box of hot, buttered Pop Schmotz – the favorite snack food of the Pollutonian people. Just like fossil fuel is like junk food for your car, the Pollutonian diet consists almost entirely of big slabs of fried Schnorble, dripping with putrid globs of Phlomox Syrup, coated in Stinkweed Nuts.

PLEDGE
TO BECOME AN AIR CADET

The Air Cadet Clean Air Pledge

I promise, as a proud member of the Clean Air Force, to protect all living things from air pollution and will strive each day to make the world a better place to live.

The people of Earth are the only hope for the fate of Planet Polluto. Earth's atmosphere and environment are very similar to Planet Polluto's. Since Earth's scientists realized the damage that can be inflicted on a planet's delicate ecosystem, groups of concerned citizens from throughout the world banded together to protect Earth from the effects of air pollution. As a representative from our part of the universe, you must pledge your allegiance to achieving clean air and a healthy environment. As an Air Cadet, you have the power and authority to help the Pollutonians learn to help themselves.

OZONE

The Air Cadet Fighting Song

We clean the air,
we'll always care,
in order to breathe,
air pollution must leave
in every atmosphere.

We're Air Cadets,
we're as good as it gets,
and we won't stop,
it's ozone we'll mop,
til' all our air goals are met!

We learn from the past,
we're there when we're asked,
to fight pollution,
we'll find the solution,
the Air Cadets will always last!

Now go forth and fight air pollution like no Cadet has fought before!!!

Planet Polluto was developed to educate and entertain children of all ages. Even adults can learn a thing or two. The interactive CD-ROM is fun and packed with information we can all use to improve air quality not only on Planet Polluto, but right where we live and breathe.

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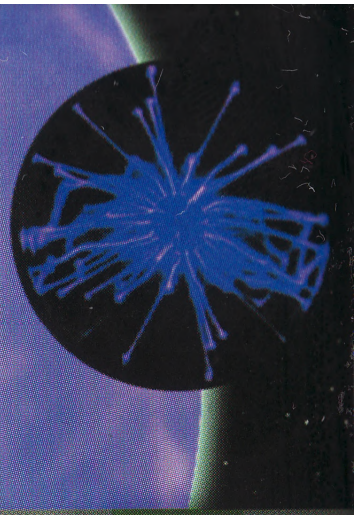

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